GUIDE TO THE OG6 MAKASSAR FILE

/As it presently stands the Makassar file is based entirely on one source, which is a translation from the Dutch (1: Chabot). This source presents a functional study of the social organization of the kingdom of Goa near Macassar with special emphasis on the organization of the adat community of Borongloe. The source is limited to a study of kinship, status and sex, and all other ethnographic features of the culture are treated in terms of these three elements. It should be noted, however, that the treatment given to kinship, the household, kin and class relationships, marriage and marriage relationships, religious communities, cultural norms and questions of status in general (all of which are derivatives of or related to the three elements above), is extremely thorough. However, there is a good deal of material from sources processed for other files in the area.

It should be obvious, then, that a file based mainly on a single source, and that highly skewed in its treatment of a few basic ethnographic aspects, is going to have extremely limited use to the researcher unless of course, he also entertains comparable ethnographic interests with Chabot. The file needs the addition of more source materials which should include some general ethnographies of the area, and then further supplemented with other community studies which could be used for comparative research in terms of the study listed above./

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